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1. The following is a list of the leading personnel at GAG Potoplenka, Filmfabrik Agfa-Wolfen:

Russian Personnel:

General Director: (fnu) Henkin: technician

Assistant General Director: (fnu) Shivayev: chemist

Chief Engineer: (fnu) Tolstoy: Dipl. Eng.

German Personnel:

Chief Director: (fnu) Bienen: previously superintendent of the Technical Department; Dipl. Eng.; formerly with Agfa; belongs to no party.

Superintendent of the Photo Department: (fnu) Schriteler: old Agfa man; 55 years old; belongs to no party; has great influence on the intellectuals in the plant; backs all Soviet measures; sees to it that people in key positions do not defect to the West

Superintendent of Technical Department: Dipl. Ing. (fnu) Fischer: the black sheep of the factory; causes the Soviet General Directors many headaches; the only man in the factory who dares speak his mind; energetically backs imprisoned personnel.

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Superintendent of the
Fibre Department (Rayon):

Dr. (fnu) Melms: old Agfa
man; belongs to no party;
politically completely neutral.

Personnel Department Director:

Paul Holtkamp: approximately
40 years old; SED member; a
worker by profession; member
of the Central Committee of
the SED Plant Group; tactful
and skillful in his dealings;
cooperates with the SED.

Udo Gaetke: in influence and
activity the actual general
director; 30 years old; gener-
ally recognized as the "Gray
Eminence" of the plant; came
from the Land Party School
(Landespartei-schule); formerly
active in the administration of
an unknown Kreis

Cultural Director:

Franz Fischer: SED Member; fol-
lows the party line strictly;
not an old Agfa worker; a worker
by profession; extremely radical;
cooperates with the SED.

SED Plant Group
First Secretary:

(fnu) Volkelt: about 30 years
old; no professional training;
former PW; visited Antifa School;
sergeant during World War II;
came to plant from the ZK of the
SED in Berlin after having at-
tended several party schools;
easily influenced; incapable of
forming own decisions.

Second Secretary:

Horst Klett: between 25 and 30
years old; formerly a "new
teacher" (Neulehrer); extremely
ambitious; very radical.

BGL Leader:

Richard Lamm: SED member; in-
significant person; completely
taken in by the party.

SED Office
Former Chief:

Walter Pawlicki: about 30 years
old; black hair; thin; about
1.80 m. tall; dark complexion;
false teeth; came from the film
factory; disappeared at the be-
ginning of January 1952.

New Chief:

Franz (cover name): 30 years old;
fat; curly blond hair combed
straight back; speaks a strange
dialect; lives in Bitterfeld.

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2. In 1951 the plant had six spinning complexes. According to present plans, there are to be 24 such complexes in 1952. Total production is to be increased 150 to 200 percent. All the Perlon which is manufactured at Agfa-Wolfen is exported to the USSR where it has been used in the manufacture of tires for jet fighters, since it was found that canvas was not acceptable because of the high landing speeds.
3. Experiments are being carried on at Agfa-Wolfen with Yellow Cross (Gelbkreuz: German marking for vesicants) and other poison gases. Agfa-Wolfen workers who receive burns are taken to the Dermatology Clinic of the University of Halle, Gruenstrasse, where they are treated in a special department which is closed off and strictly guarded. This section also treats workers from other plants who are experimenting with war material. According to source, there is as yet no production of Yellow Cross gas, merely scientific experimentation.
4. The department of the Agfa-Wolfen plant which is occupied with the manufacture of war materials is situated inside the foundry. It is closed off, and only those who work there are allowed to enter.